

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM	DOCKET NO. SPU-04-8
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**ORDER REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

(Issued August 5, 2004)

On March 24, 2004, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a "Petition for Suspension or Modification of Number Portability" pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)(2) and Iowa Code § 476.1 (2003), in coordination with its Network Improvement Plan (NIP) submitted in Docket No. RPU-02-4. Iowa Telecom requests that the Board suspend or modify the federal requirements relating to thousands-block number pooling (TBNP) and the long-term database method for local number portability (LNP) in a portion of its Iowa exchanges. The petition has been identified as Docket No. SPU-04-8.

A hearing for the purpose of receiving testimony and cross-examination of all testimony was held on July 20, 2004. Upon review of the transcript of that hearing, it appears the transcript may not provide sufficient information regarding Iowa Telecom's ability to collect a federally-authorized LNP surcharge from its customers. Iowa Telecom also indicates that it has some funding available for LNP as part of its

approved Network Improvement Plan (NIP). The relationship between these funding sources is unclear. Therefore, the Board will require that Iowa Telecom file additional information in this docket regarding the manner in which Iowa Telecom intends to implement an LNP surcharge, how the additional LNP dollars will be utilized, and how the LNP surcharge revenues will (or will not) affect Iowa Telecom's spending commitments associated with the NIP. Specifically, and without limiting the generality of this request, Iowa Telecom should state whether it considers the LNP surcharge revenues and spending to be a part of, or separate from, the commitments Iowa Telecom made in the settlement of the judicial review proceedings that resulted from the Board's decision in Docket No. RPU-02-4.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

On or before August 10, 2004, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom, shall file the information requested in this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer  
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

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Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.